

COMMUNITY NEWS



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Cllr Runway Works Visit

A collection of 15 Borough, Town, and Parish Councillors visited Manchester Airport overnight on 2nd/3rd August for an exclusive runway tour. The group began their tour at 10.30pm with a visit to the North Side Fire Station; where the Councillors explored the Oshkosh Strikers and command/response vehicles. This was followed by a tour of the airfield from James Wood of the MANTP Airfield team who showed the Councillors the Engine Test Bay, electrical sub-station, taxiway Alpha, and Runway 1. The group had the unique opportunity to stand on the closed Runway and see the overnight jobs taking place such as grass-cutting and friction testing. The feedback from the event was very positive, demonstrated by one Councillor's comment that:

"It was thoroughly enjoyable, interesting, extremely informative and much appreciated".



Royal Cheshire County Show

Manchester Airport's Community and Transformation teams attended the Royal Cheshire County Show for the ninth year running to speak to visitors about living near the airport. Students from Knutsford Academy joined the airport teams to speak to visitors, having created a range of activities to keep children busy whilst their parents were chatting. The Manchester Airport Fire Service were on hand raising money for the airport's charity partner, CLIC Sargent, whilst the transformation team gave visitors a glimpse of the Airports' future with interactive goggles for them to use.



IT Master Class

Manchester Airport hosted an IT Masterclass for A Level Students in the local area. The event was supported by industry specialists and gave 80 students an insight into the Manchester Airport Transformation Project, alongside the opportunity to attend interactive workshops led by Airbus, Ricoh, Vodafone, and MAG IT. The feedback from the schools was incredibly positive, with one Headteacher saying:

"I just wanted to pass on our sincere thanks to all involved in yesterday's excellent IT Masterclass. The ten students who attended the event were very complimentary of the whole day, its content, the delivery, and the variety".

The teacher went on to praise the work of the businesses involved for their: *"immense contribution".*



Six Book Challenge

Manchester Airport has been supporting the Read Manchester campaign to encourage local children to read more. Over 2000 local primary school children took part in this literacy challenge, where they were encouraged to read six books and complete a reading diary of their thoughts. They also created pictures of their favourite parts of the books and every student who completed the challenge was awarded with a certificate and badge.





Manchester Airport's Community team recently hosted tea parties in Mobberley, Bramhall and Knutsford for over 65's in the area. Over 120 local residents attended and enjoyed afternoon tea, a glass of bubbly, and a game of bingo where guests had the chance to win prizes such as a kindle and a food hamper. The Knutsford Tea Party on the 18th July was also host to special guests the Mayor of Knutsford Cllr Neil Forbes and Mayoress Mrs Jacquelyn Forbes who joined the local residents for afternoon tea.



Tea Parties



In June, Manchester Airport helped Ringway and Bexton Primary Schools hold a travel themed day in the school hall. Over 500 pupils enjoyed a wide range of activities based on key airport areas such as checking in, weighing bags, and learning how to do a safety demo with easyJet's cabin crew. Teachers described the day as "outstanding" and said it linked perfectly with their current school topic.



Travel Days



Ten primary schools across Wythenshawe, Heald Green, Mobberley and Knutsford celebrated the 100% attendance of some of their pupils in July with a celebratory party hosted by Manchester Airport. Throughout the year pupils collected certificates and badges for attending school every day, with over 260 children achieving 100% attendance and enjoying the special party at Stockley Farm, Arley Hall.



Attendance Scheme 16-17



Lacey Green Primary Academy's Year 6 pupils were announced the winners of Manchester Airport's Apprentice Competition with their 'safety in the sun' advertising campaign. The pupils produced an eye-catching poster that will be displayed in the airport's three terminals during the summer holidays. As a special prize, the winning pupils were invited to record a professional radio version of their advert at the Global Radio studios in Manchester, which will be broadcast on Heart Radio several times over the summer months.

The competition will run again for Year 6 pupils in the local area next year so to get involved please email: community.relations@manairport.co.uk.

Apprentice Competition

